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- Wells Fargo and JPMorgan Chase agreed January 22 to pay \$35.7 million in penalties and consumer compensation to resolve allegations that loan officers with the 2 banks participated in a mortgage kickback scheme with a now-defunct company. – *Associated Press* (See item [8](#))
- A severe winter storm in the Northeast region of the U.S. January 26 prompted the cancellation of 6,175 flights. – *USA Today* (See item [9](#))
- A Lewisburg, West Virginia water treatment plant was shut down after more than 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel spilled into the Greenbrier River January 23, prompting a water outage impacting 12,000 county residents and businesses. – *Charleston Daily Mail* (See item [18](#))
- Huntsville police arrested an AT&T contractor January 23 for allegedly stealing tens of thousands of dollars in copper from substations within north Alabama, causing an estimated \$1 million in damage. – *Huntsville Times* (See item [26](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *January 25, Los Angeles Daily News* – (California) **Strong winds leave 52,500 without power in San Fernando Valley.** Los Angeles Department of Water and Power crews worked to restore power to the remaining 17,527 residents in the San Fernando Valley January 25 after approximately 52,500 households and businesses lost service January 24 due to strong wind gusts.
Source: <http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20150124/strong-winds-leave-52500-without-power-in-san-fernando-valley>
2. *January 24, Associated Press* – (Montana) **After oil spill, company says new line will be safer.** Bridger Pipeline LLC reported January 23 that it will replace the damaged section of the Poplar Pipeline in Montana following a January 17 spill that leaked nearly 40,000 gallons of oil into the Yellowstone River, contaminating the water supply for 6,000 residents of Glendive. The pipeline will remain shut down until the damaged section is replaced with a new line that will be buried deeper to protect against future accidents.
Source: http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/energy/after-oil-spill-company-says-new-line-will-be-safer/article_2c201147-0cb4-5656-8364-afae0e16f95d.html
3. *January 24, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Exxon given \$1 million penalty after 2011 Yellowstone River oil spill.** The U.S. Department of Transportation issued a \$1 million penalty against Exxon Mobil Corp., January 23 for safety violations following a 2011 pipeline rupture that spilled 63,000 gallons of crude into Montana's Yellowstone River, killing fish and wildlife.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/01/24/yellowstone-oil-spill-fine_n_6535880.html
4. *January 23, Securityweek* – (National) **US gas stations exposed to cyberattacks: Researchers.** Researchers with Kachoolie discovered a vulnerability with automatic tank gauges (ATGs) used to monitor fuel tanks, that could potentially allow malicious actors to shut down over 5,300 gas stations in the U.S. due to the device's easy accessibility through the Internet. Operators of the ATG systems can set up a password for the series interface, but the port often remains unprotected.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/us-gas-stations-exposed-cyberattacks-researchers>
5. *January 23, San Francisco Business Times* – (California) **PG&E fined \$530,000 by regulator for safety violations.** The California Public Utilities Commission issued a \$530,000 penalty against Pacific Gas & Electric January 23 for safety violations, which included the utility's failure in immediately digging and examining pipelines that showed signs of potential deterioration, allowing non-qualified personnel to perform field work, and failing to repair potentially hazardous defects.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/blog/2015/01/pg-e-fined-cpuc-san-bruno-explosion-email-scandal.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *January 24, Associated Press* – (National) **Kia recalling nearly 87,000 Fortes because of fire risk.** Kia Motors America announced January 24 a recall of nearly 87,000 model year 2014 Forte vehicles manufactured between December 2012 and April 2014 due to a faulty cooling fan resistor that could cause the equipment to overheat and melt, posing a possible fire hazard.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/kia-recalling-87000-fortes-fire-risk-28452041>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

7. *January 25, WAVE 3 Louisville* – (Kentucky; Indiana) **More than 150 fraudulent credit cards found during traffic stop.** A Louisville driver and passenger were arrested and charged with one count of fraud January 22 after approximately 170 fraudulent credit cards were discovered in the suspect's car during an unrelated traffic stop in Seymour by Indiana State Police.
Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/27934977/more-than-150-fraudulent-credit-cards-found-during-traffic-stop>
8. *January 22, Associated Press* – (Maryland; Virginia; New York) **Wells Fargo, JPMorgan settle mortgage kickbacks probe.** Wells Fargo and JPMorgan Chase agreed January 22 to pay a collective \$35.7 million in penalties and consumer

compensation to resolve allegations that loan officers with the 2 banks participated in a mortgage kickback scheme with a now-defunct company, Genuine Title, in exchange for cash and marketing services. More than 100 former Well Fargo loan officers in at least 18 branches located primarily in Maryland and Virginia, and at least 6 former JPMorgan Chase loan officers in 3 separate branches in Maryland, Virginia, and New York, were involved with the scheme.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/jpmorgan-wells-fargo-settle-mortgage-kickbacks-probe-28411620>

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *January 26, USA Today* – (National) **Airlines cancel 6,175 flights ahead of monster storm.** A severe winter storm in the Northeast region of the U.S. January 26 prompted the cancellation of 6,175 flights, over 220 of which were cancelled through January 28, across dozens of airports in the storm's path.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/todayinthesky/2015/01/25/airlines-preemptively-cancel-450-flights-ahead-of-monday-storm/22320939/>
10. *January 26, San Bernardino Sun* – (California) **Lanes closed on 10 Freeway in Fontana after fiery crash.** Two lanes of the 10 Freeway in Fontana were reopened after closing for 2 hours January 26 when a semi-truck driver was killed after reportedly losing control of the vehicle and slamming into a pole.
Source: <http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20150126/lanes-closed-on-10-freeway-in-fontana-after-fiery-crash>
11. *January 25, KING 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **'Security concerns' on two flights landing at Sea-Tac.** Seattle-Tacoma International Airport officials cleared a JetBlue and a Delta flight to return to their respective gates January 23 following security concerns on both planes that prompted the evacuation of passengers and the diversion of a second Delta flight from Los Angeles to Dallas.
Source: _____
12. *January 25, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Bus crashes on I-94, injuring 11, after driver collapses.** Eleven passengers were injured after the driver of a charter bus suffered an unspecified medical emergency causing the bus to drift into a concrete wall on the right shoulder of Interstate 94 in Kenosha County January 24.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/traffic/bus-crashes-on-i-94-injuring-11-after-driver-collapses-b99432484z1-289720411.html>
13. *January 24, Visalia Times-Delta* – (California) **Traffic moving again on Highway 198.** Westbound lanes and all but 1 eastbound lane of Highway 198 near Farmersville Boulevard in California were closed for more than 3 hours January 24 after a vehicle

hit a utility pole causing the top portion to sink near the ground, potentially blocking traffic.

Source: <http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/story/news/local/2015/01/24/fallen-pole-affects-hwy-traffic/22285443/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *January 26, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Illinois) **Illinois firm recalls chicken steak products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced January 23 that Aspen Foods Div. of Koch Foods, Inc., recalled about 1,140 pounds of Market Day Teriyaki Flavored ChicNSteakes and Market Day Lemon Pepper ChicNSteakes products due to undeclared wheat and soy caused by misbranding. The recalled products were produced December 13 and packaged in 2-pound selling unit boxes that were shipped to distribution locations in Illinois for further distribution.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-019-2015-release>
15. *January 26, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Arizona; Colorado) **Arizona firm recalls chicken breast fritters products due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service reported January 23 that Primecut Meats recalled about 17,700 pounds of its Prime Poultry Chicken Breast Fritters due to undeclared eggs caused by misbranding. The affected product was packaged in 4-pound boxes and shipped to retail locations in Arizona and Colorado.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-020-2015-release>
16. *January 25, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Avian flu detected at Central Valley farm.** The California Department of Food and Agriculture quarantined a Foster Farms-operated facility in Stanislaus County after the H5N8 virus, a strain of avian flu, was detected among a flock of turkeys at the ranch. Company officials reported that no products on the market were affected by the outbreak, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture agreed to assist State officials in euthanizing the birds to prevent the disease from spreading.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-avian-flu-central-valley-20150125-story.html>
17. *January 23, Food Safety News* – (National) **CDC: 115-case Salmonella outbreak linked to bean sprouts is officially over.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued its final report into a Salmonella outbreak connected to Wonton Foods Inc. bean sprouts January 23 and declared that the outbreak was over after causing at least 115 illnesses in 12 States in the Northeast region of the U.S. Wonton Foods agreed in November 2014 to destroy remaining products while their facilities

underwent a thorough cleaning and sanitization before the company resumed shipping bean sprouts November 29.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2015/01/bean-sprout-salmonella-outbreak-in-northeast-declared-over-with-115-cases>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *January 25, Charleston Daily Mail* – (West Virginia) **12,000 without water in Greenbrier County after diesel spill.** The Lewisburg water treatment plant in West Virginia was shut down after a semi-truck rolled over and spilled more than 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel into a tributary of the Greenbrier River January 23, prompting a water outage January 25 which impacted 12,000 county residents and businesses. Crews began taking water samples and placing booms in Anthony Creek to contain the spill and officials closed several schools in the area due to the incident.

Source: <http://www.charlestondaily.com/article/20150125/DM01/150129502>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *January 26, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Drone found on White House grounds.** Officials are investigating after a drone crashed on the Southeast grounds of the White House in Washington, D.C., January 26 prompting an immediate alert and lockdown. The U.S. Secret Service examined and cleared the threat.

Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/local/2015/01/26/device-found-on-white-house-grounds/22338063/>

20. *January 26, Philly.com* – (New Jersey) **Students hospitalized after lab incident at Glouco school.** Kingsway Regional High School students and staff were evacuated and 20 students were transported to an area hospital in Gloucester County, New Jersey, January 26 following a chemistry-lab accident involving chloric acid which produced heavy smoke in the building.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/new_jersey/20150127_Students_hospitalized_after_lab_incident_at_Glouco_school.html

21. *January 23, WBMA 58 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **School bus overturns in Pinson.** Authorities are investigating after 10 Jefferson Elementary School students were injured and transported to area hospitals when their school bus overturned in Pinson on

Rudd School Road January 23.

Source: <http://www.abc3340.com/story/27926782/school-bus-overturms-in-pinson>

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *January 25, WBIR 10 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Both escaped Sevier County inmates back in custody.** Officials reported that 2 inmates who escaped from the Sevier County Jail in Tennessee January 23 were recaptured January 25.

Source: <http://www.wbir.com/story/news/2015/01/24/two-inmates-escape-from-sevier-county-jail/22266787/>

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Information Technology Sector

23. *January 24, Softpedia* – (International) **PHP 5.6.5 fixes flaw leading to remote code execution.** The latest version of hypertext preprocessor (PHP) version 5.6.5 closes several security vulnerabilities including a flaw identified as CVE-2014-9427 that could be exploited by an attacker to execute code remotely on an affected machine if certain conditions are met.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/PHP-5-6-5-Fixes-Flaw-Leading-to-Remote-Code-Execution-471101.shtml>

24. *January 23, Softpedia* – (International) **Google Apps admin panel falls for XSS, issue researcher gets \$5,000.** Google awarded a Blizzard Entertainment researcher for discovering a cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability that relied on a JavaScript code to be executed in the Google Apps administration console, which would grant an attacker full control of the Google account.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-Apps-Admin-Panel-Falls-for-XSS-Issue-Researcher-Gets-5-000-471056.shtml>

25. *January 22, Softpedia* – (International) **Mobile banking apps are risky business for Android users.** A RiskIQ report found that more than 40,000 of about 350,000 mobile apps used for financial transactions should be considered suspicious with many of them containing malware and adware.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Mobile-Banking-Are-Risky-Business-for-Android-Users-470918.shtml>

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Communications Sector

26. *January 23, Huntsville Times* – (Alabama) **AT&T contractor accused of stealing more than \$1 million in copper faces charges in Huntsville, Birmingham.** Huntsville police arrested a worker January 23 from a contracting company that serviced AT&T in connection to allegedly using his position to steal tens of thousands of dollars in copper from substations within north Alabama, causing an estimated \$1 million in damage.
Source: http://www.al.com/news/index.ssf/2015/01/att_contractor_accused_of_steal.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *January 26, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **6-alarm grass fire in Pacifica contained.** Residents from 64 units of the Seacrest Townhomes complex and about 30 additional homes in Pacifica were evacuated for several hours January 26 due to a 6-alarm, 5-acre vegetation fire that began in a canyon between Rockaway Beach and Fassler Avenues. Firefighters contained the blaze about 4 hours after it broke out and crews worked to cut down the perimeter around the burn zone.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2015/01/26/5-alarm-grass-fire-grows-in-pacifica-some-residents-being-evacuated/>
28. *January 26, Associated Press* – (New York) **City officials shut down Buffalo bar after weekend shooting.** The City of Buffalo issued a cease and desist order shutting down Impulse after a man was shot and wounded following a fight that broke out inside the nightclub January 24.
Source: http://www.oleantimesherald.com/news/western_new_york/article_2149f1dc-a57c-11e4-9201-8b0c2df959fc.html
29. *January 25, Los Angeles Times* – (New York) **Gunman at Home Depot in New York kills employee and self, police say.** A former employee of a Home Depot store in the Manhattan area of New York City died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after entering the business January 25 and fatally shooting an employee.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-new-york-home-depot-shooting20150125-story.html>

30. *January 24, WJFW 12 Rhinelander* – (Wisconsin) **Apartment fire displaces 28 people in Medford.** A January 24 fire at the Riverview Village Apartment complex in Medford, Wisconsin, displaced 28 residents due to fire, smoke, and water damage to the structure.
Source: <http://www.wjfw.com/stories.html?sku=20150124214710>
31. *January 24, Lynchburg News & Advance* – (Virginia) **Smoke odor forces mall theater to close early.** The Regal Cinemas 14 theater at River Ridge Mall in Lynchburg was evacuated and closed 2 hours early January 24 due to an electrical short from an outside transformer. Investigators determined that a rodent entered the transformer and likely caused the short circuit.
Source: http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/smoke-odor-forces-river-ridge-mall-evacuation/article_8131e986-a439-11e4-a57d-b7776ed2866d.html
32. *January 24, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Security guard stabbed multiple times during attack inside D.C. Safeway store.** Police are investigating after a man stabbed a security guard several times in the face and head January 23 during an attack inside a Safeway grocery store in Washington, D.C. The suspect fled the scene and is believed to be a man who was previously banned from the store.
Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2015/01/security-guard-stabbed-multiple-times-during-attack-inside-d-c-safeway-store-110846.html>

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